

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1327
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INDIA'S ROLE IN PEACE TALKS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Nepal has approached India to mediate between the former and Maoists for the proposed peace talks ;
- (b) if so, whether the Indian Government have agreed to initiate the said peace talks ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (d) by when these talks are likely to start?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) No.
- (b) & (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Government is aware of ongoing contacts between representatives of His Majesty's Government of Nepal and the Maoists. There is, however, no formal announcement of the schedule of the proposed peace talks.